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PARKS, TRAILS, AND OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE  
MEETING MINUTES  
SEPTEMBER 3RD, 2020  
6:00 PM

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Committee present: Jared Coburn, Doug Canright, Sue Husch, Erin Smith, Robb Austin.

Town Staff: Chase Jones

- I. Call to Order: *6pm*
- II. Approval of Meeting Minutes from July 7th, 2020

*Robb moved to approve the minutes*

*Erin seconded*

*All present voted in favor*

- III. Proposed Bike Park – Matt Mclsaac, Trisha Oakland

*Chase started by sharing that he did not find any land restrictions that would prevent a bike park from being located at this location, only that it will need to be open to the general public.*

*Matt detailed that they have received over 175 signatures of support. The group has started a website (ridgwaybikepark.com) and raised \$6500 of the \$7500 needed for a design. Fundraising is happening through COPMOBA or by check. They have spoken with the known larger user groups (soccer, baseball, softball and skatepark) and received support for the project as long as it does not directly encroach on the fields or future fields.*

*Chase is to talk with Preston about getting this topic on the next Town Council agenda for Council consideration.*

**IV. Athletic Field Gazebo Plaque Request to Recognize Richard and Mary Spirek**

*Clarified the request is for the Hartwell Park Pavilion as mentioned on the application not for the Athletic Park as written on the Parks Committee Agenda. The group also wanted the applicant to consider placing a brick near the fountain.*

*The committee members were in favor of the request.*

**V. Baseball Update**

*Infield material is down and the Town graded with large equipment. Marty is now dragging to get as flat as possible. The bases will be installed once dragging is complete.*

*Jared mentioned that the school has put up shade structure in their field. The*

**VI. Athletic Park Pavilion Update**

*Volunteers helping stain and the project is on schedule.*

**VII. New Business**

- Heritage irrigation is out to bid for Phase 1.*
- GOCO SCC grant – Weaver trail maintenance, editing and resubmitting application from last year.*
- Water restrictions – KVNF has had good success with volunteer restrictions, get volunteer restrictions advertised more so, pamphlets to educate, capitalize on seasonal shift to start turning down watering amounts 25% decrease or 30% for turf to promote plant health. The Community Garden has already frozen the last two nights. Members to consider helping by posting on Facebook (Ridgway-Ouray residents). The group did not recommend going forward with mandatory restrictions, instead more of a call to action about getting word out.*

**VIII. Old Business**

*Irrigation controller incentives – There are currently no state or federal programs. This would need local funding. Erin expressed that even \$250 would help.*

*Cottonwood Creek – The Town is going to continue to connect with Alice Billings about water. Clean up of fallen trees on Moffat still on to-do list.*

*Members of the Committee shared that the Facebook page is hard to find. Chase will share with staff who manages the page.*

**IX. Adjourn: 7:14pm**